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Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
57 37 10%	55 39 10%	59 44 40%

Source: <http://weather.com>

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percent of people who make New Year's Resolutions keep them throughout the entire year.

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GCSU third in GA SAT scores

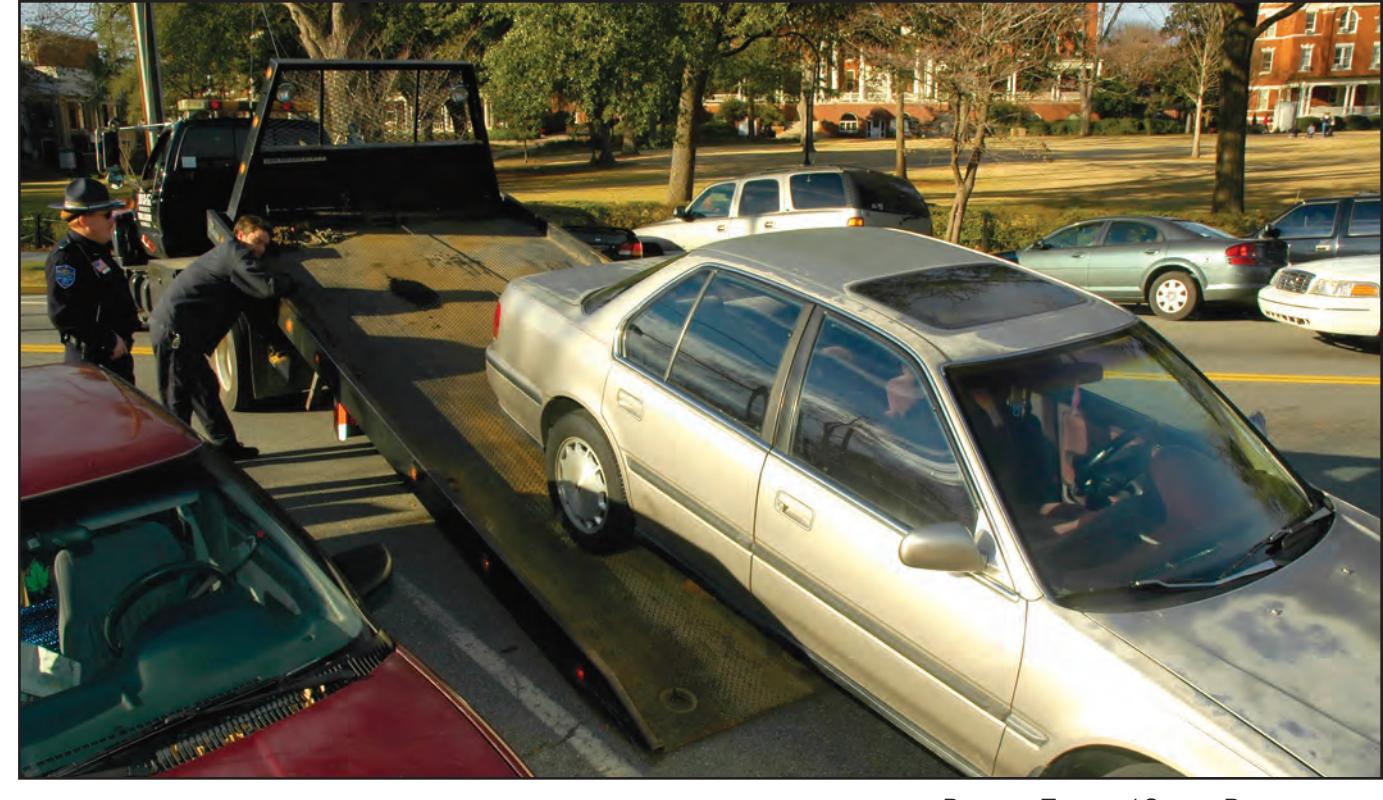
BY JERRY CALBOS
STAFF WRITER

GCSU has ranked third among University System of Georgia Institutions for SAT scores. Georgia Tech and University of Georgia have ranked first and second, respectively. GCSU's ranking went up from fourth place into Southern Polytechnic University's spot.

According to Dr. Paul Jones, vice president for Institutional Research and Enrollment Management, the USG findings are for "only the freshmen class....each year the university system provides the ranking for the Fall entering class."

The USG ranking for 2005 and 2006 shows GCSU composite scores. The SAT Math score went up from 558 to 564, while the Verbal score went down from 562 to 561. In regards to the drop in Verbal scores, Jones chalked it up to a new essay

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Among the many improvements and changes the Parking and Transportation Service made during the holiday break was the repainting of all fire lanes and no-parking zones. Violators of these laws will be towed by local companies. Other changes include the addition of new parking spaces for freshmen, gates being added to the Irwin Street parking lot, and the construction of several new light posts between the residence halls and Irwin Street.

Much ado about parking

BY LEE SANDOW
SENIOR REPORTER

More than 250 new parking places have been made available to freshmen in the parking lot behind the Centennial Center.

Also, the GCSU Parking and Transportation Service has added new streetlights to the Irwin Street Parking Lot, made larger drop-off zones in front of the residence halls, and has plans to add gates to the Irwin Street Lot.

"We monitor the parking situation very closely," said Kyle Cullars, executive director of Auxiliary Services. "And we try to

take advantage of underutilized areas. We saw there was a lot of space behind the Centennial Center, so we used it to alleviate some of the concerns or complaints."

Before the break, all freshmen were required to park in the Irwin Street Parking Lot, far away from their own rooms.

Some freshmen were deterred from driving due to the inconvenience of where they were required to park.

"I don't drive as often as I used to," said freshman Austin Ladshaw, a resident of Foundation Hall. "By the time I have to walk there, I could just as easily have walked anywhere

downtown."

The new "O" classification lot is behind the Centennial Center, near Foundation and Napier Halls. At the beginning of the semester, 260 spots were opened to students for a charge of \$30 for an "O" level permit.

A total of 350 permits were sold to allow students to park in those places.

"We sold more permits than spaces because not everyone was likely to be there at the same time," Cullars said.

All of the permits were purchased within the first six hours that they were on sale.

For students who still park in the Irwin Street lot,

the walk to and from the residence halls to the lot is now much safer, thanks to nine new streetlights that keep the sidewalks very well lit.

Natalie Ishee, a freshman who lives in Parkhurst Hall, used to feel unsafe walking to Irwin Street after dark.

"I didn't feel safe because it was dark," Ishee said. "There were random people walking in front of you or behind you, and you didn't know if they were there for honest reasons or not. It was also hard to cross the street because of all the speeding cars."

Ishee says the lights make

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WGUR back broadcasting

BY BRIAN FARRELL
STAFF WRITER

Despite some frustrating technical difficulties last semester, GCSU's student radio station, WGUR 88.9 F.M. The Edge, is back up and "putting the 'edge' in Milledgeville."

Brian Grooms, a senior mass communication major and general manager of WGUR, has big plans for the new station.

"We have 25 new D.J.'s that are already on the air," Grooms said.

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"We have 36 hours of weekly live broadcasts Monday through Thursday from 2-10 p.m. and Friday from 12-4 p.m. We're also going to make the station more of an open forum this year so there will be a lot more student input."

Students can also enjoy the comeback of "Strictly for the Grown and Sexy" with Emmanuel Little, Thursdays from 8-10 p.m.

"Everything about the station is going to be better."



JIMI ODOM / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
(L-R) Avery Knox, a cook at Grill 155, and Michael Fulghum, a senior environmental science major, converse over a meal at the newly revamped Grill 155.

Renovations bring new flavor to Grill 155

BY PATTY MAGUIRE
STAFF WRITER

Last fall, students of GCSU were met with a new restaurant, and this semester, improvements made to the Grill 155 promise to make a good thing even better.

One of the many on-campus dining options for students, the Grill 155 has plenty of appetizing entrees for those who crave a juicy burger and even for those who prefer vegetarian options. However, concerns and

confusion about what the Grill 155 was arose from the dark glass windows, sending away hungry students who believed it was closed. Some of those who did go in were shocked at the prices.

Auxiliary Services Marketing Manager Michael Haun worked with Sodexo Retail Manager Billy Garland to create a solution.

"Thanks to George Mayor and the support of the Georgia College Physical Plant, we've increased lighting 100%

so it's brighter and more inviting," Garland said. "People now recognize it is a restaurant, not just a lot of chairs."

The extremity of makeover was somewhat restrained by the limits of the historical district. Taking into consideration the historic southern architecture that beautifies the surrounding area when any construction or renovations are done is a must and upholds the quaint charm for which

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Taylor Sellers, a senior, has a radio show on Wednesday nights on WGUR, "The Edge."

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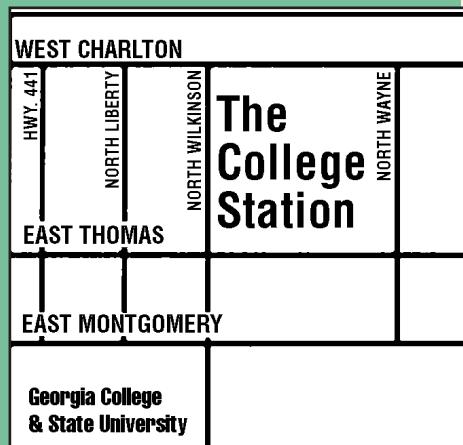
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, January 19

- 5 p.m. Art As An Agent for Change (A.A.C.) Collective Meeting, Bell Hall

Saturday, January 20

Sunday, January 21

Monday, January 22

Tuesday, January 23

- 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. "Open Discussion" Technology Forum, Chappell Hall Room 113
 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. "Open Discussion" Technology Forum, Chappell Hall Room 113
 7 p.m. Global Warming Teach-In: History of Climate Change, A&S Auditorium
 7:30 p.m.. Bradley Edwards Trombone Recital, Max Noah Recital Hall,
 8 p.m. BSU Synergy, MSU Lounge

Wednesday, January 23

- 12:30 p.m. Student Government Association Senate Meeting, SAC Dogwood Rm
 6:30 p.m. Manhattan Piano Trio, First United Methodist Church, of Milledgeville (366 Log Cabin Rd, NE)

Thursday, January 24

- 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. ENGLISH- What To Do With This Major?, University Banquet Rm. - A Demonstration/Lecture by Jason Armit, Fight Choreographer, Russell Auditorium

January 17 - January 24

NOW HEAR THIS

PAWS login to change

Dear GCSU Community,

With a strong commitment to protecting personal information within our campus community, Georgia College will convert from using the Social Security Number in our student information system (Banner and PAWS) to a unique, randomly generated identification number. This change is being made in order to minimize the risk of identity theft, protect the privacy of our students, faculty and staff, and to comply with state and federal regulations.

As of Jan. 22, 2007, all students, faculty, and staff will be assigned a new ID number for use in our student information system. This will be the case even if a non social security number was previously used.

During the transition period, the SSN can still be used to look up students in PAWS, however, we encourage everyone to begin using the Georgia College Identification Number (GCID) as soon as possible. After the transition period, the SSN will not be available.

In order to obtain the new GCID, students, faculty and staff should login to the MyCats site at <http://mycats.gcsu.edu> or PAWS at <http://paws.gcsu.edu> beginning January 22. It is extremely important to retrieve this new GCID as early as possible because it will be used for registration as well as various service offices on campus.

More information on the SSN to GCID Conversion may be found at <http://info.gcsu.edu/intranet/oit/studientid> or by contacting the Registrar's Office at 478-445 6286 or by emailing registrar@gcsu.edu

Sincerely,

Suzanne Pittman
Interim Registrar

Faculty member plays in

band at Allen's Market

band at Allen's Market

The Back Porch Symphony will make their Milledgeville debut in a concert at Allen's Market on Friday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free and the public is invited on a first come/first served basis. The doors will open at 7 p.m.

The Back Porch Symphony is made up of musicians Sue Tomlin on violin, Nancy Sasser on bass and Chris Crider on guitar. All three band members contribute vocals. Sue Tomlin earned her B.A. in Music from the University of Alabama, and performs on the viola with The Macon Symphony Orchestra and The Vivace String Trio. As winner of numerous talent and fiddle contests, she founded The Northeast Minnesota Fiddlers' Club in Duluth, Minn. and has written two books, one on fiddling and the other on the art of serenading. The Macon Junior Symphony was under Tomlin's direction for six seasons and presently is on the faculty of GCSU in Milledgeville. Tomlin resides in Macon with her family.

Bass player Nancy Sasser sings with enthusiasm and animation with her commanding voice. She offers a lifetime love of music beginning with her violin studies in Macon with Alice Kirkpatrick and Henri Schwartzzenberger. Sasser received her Suzuki violin training at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, and inspires her

violin students with innovative teaching ideas using her original teaching songs that are both clever and creative. Sasser holds an auctioneer license and a real estate license in Georgia and resides in Macon.

Guitarist Chris Crider is the newest member of The Back Porch Symphony. Chris was born in Virginia and got his first guitar from Western Auto on his 11th birthday. At age 25, he began practicing long days, and he has the hot licks to prove it. As an accomplished guitarist, Crider is in demand both as a performer and as a teacher. He has traveled throughout the US playing music including country, and is quite versatile performing many styles of music. He also plays with the Macon band, "Big Mike and the Booty Papas". He has resided in Dry Branch for 20 years with his wife and son.

The Back Porch Symphony's concert in Milledgeville will feature a variety of musical styles, from Mozart's classic "Rhondo Ala Turk" to such foot-stomping tunes such as "Hard Hearted Hannah", "St. Louis Blues" and "Home Grown Tomatoes".

Allen's Market is located on the corner of Wayne and McIntosh Streets in downtown Milledgeville. Call Allied Arts at 478-452-3950 or email at alliedarts@atltel.net for more information.



SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE
 (L-R) Chris Crider, GCSU faculty member Sue Tomlin and Nancy Sasser make up the Black Porch Symphony.

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Public Safety Report



Another one bikes the dust

On Jan. 1, at approximately 7:03 p.m., an individual reported that their bicycle had been stolen from the Smith House area between 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on this date. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

The magic of duct tape

On Jan. 2, at approximately 11:46 a.m., Officer English observed a vehicle on Clarke Street with an improper tag which consisted of a piece of duct tape with the date written on it. A traffic stop was initiated and contact was made with the driver and the passenger. A check through GCIC found that the passenger had warrants through Macon P.D. The warrants were verified and the passenger was arrested

and transported to Baldwin Sheriff's Officer to wait extradition. The driver was released from the scene.

So, they aren't heavy timers?

On Jan. 2, at approximately 2:54 p.m. an individual reported that two light timers, valued at \$12 were stolen from Atkinson Hall. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

Driver backs into another vehicle

On Jan. 4, at approximately 1:29 p.m., an individual reported to Public Safety that as he was backing his vehicle out of a parking space behind Velvet Elvis, his bumper struck the rear bumper and tailgate of a vehicle that was unoccupied at the time. There was moderate damage done to

the unoccupied vehicle.

Abandoned vehicle towed from Bobcat Village

On Jan. 5, at approximately 7:04 p.m., Sgt. Williams had a vehicle towed that had been sitting in the Bobcat Village parking lot for several months. The driver side window was broken and the interior of the vehicle was flooded. Contact with the owner was unsuccessful.

Don't play in the street!

On Jan. 7, at approximately 7:59 p.m., Sgt. Williams observed a woman running in the middle of Wayne Street. Contact was made with the woman. A check of her I.D. showed that she had two warrants from Milledgeville P.D. The warrants were verified and the woman was arrested and transported to Milledgeville P.D.

Information compiled by Jessica Murphy

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The top two entrants will be chosen to cook off for the award of GCSU Top Chef.

Opinion

The Colonnade's Forum for Public Debate

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DOMINY'S DOODLES

BY KYLE DOMINY



Immigration laws strike Georgia counties, could Baldwin be next?

BY STEPHEN TURNER
COLUMNIST

Three months ago, one county in the north Metro Atlanta area passed new laws aimed at restricting illegal immigrants. Cherokee County's board of commissioners unanimously voted in favor of laws that would require immigrants who rent homes and apartments in the county to show proof of legal residence. If legal documentation cannot be provided, the immigrants will be evicted, or stiff fines could be imposed upon those who own the homes.

Clearly this is a case of profiling on the grounds of ethnicity, intended precisely at the Hispanic community. Also, an equally seri-

ous issue arises, intimidation by the county commissioners against those who rent properties to immigrants. The county is using its authority and police power to strike fear into the minds of renters. This will most definitely lead to evictions of persons who may very well be in this country legally. In a perfect society, those who rent to illegal aliens will not have to evict anyone because those renting without documentation will move out on their own. But this is certainly not a perfect society. I foresee renters evicting any Hispanic who rents from them, legal or not, or the renters will bear the burden of county fines for renting to illegal immigrants.

What does this mean for

Baldwin County? Several other counties throughout the state are considering similar laws to prevent immigration from becoming widespread in their backyards. Let's face it, many of the politicians who were elected into office last November ran on a platform of anti-immigration sentiments. Was this not bound to happen eventually? Given that Georgia is now cemented as a red state through and through, it becomes apparent that localities would attempt to pass measures, such as the ones in Cherokee County. Other counties in other states have passed similar laws. But I do not believe that the Cherokee County board of Commissioners, nor any other local government considering these

types of measures realizes just how important these immigrants are to the economies of both the localities or the state of Georgia.

Besides that, it does not matter how many local laws that are passed, these people are not going anywhere. Simply put, the United States government does not have the time, manpower, or financial resources to actively pursue every single illegal immigrant in this country. And the local governments are simply wasting tax dollars on immigration reform. Why can't we just accept that these new immigrants are here, and stop trying to bully them around.

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Study abroad a wise choice for students seeking big adventure on a small budget



BY KRISTEN BROWN
GUEST COLUMNIST

With our first couple weeks of school behind us, it is time to start thinking about something very important... Spring break.

Wouldn't it be great if you could go some place really cool and exotic this year like Greece, Spain or Italy? Unfortunately, most of us poor college students can't afford the jet-set lifestyle, or can we? Last year I spent my Spring break backpacking around Italy and spent less than \$600. How did I do it? I

was already in Europe as an exchange student.

I spent my 2006 Spring semester in Rennes, France. In those five short months I learned more about European politics than I could have from reading a year's worth of The New York Times. I traveled more on less money, and I learned important life skills such as how to live for two weeks out of a backpack and how to open a wine bottle without a corkscrew.

Most importantly, I inspired myself.

After making my way through the Paris metro system with my weight in baggage, I know I can do anything. Now I would like to inspire the rest of you to study abroad.

For those of you who haven't thought about studying abroad, or thought it would be too hard or too costly, I would like to invite you to visit

the international office. You will be surprised to find it is easier and cheaper than you imagine. Plus, there is a program to fit anyone.

First, studying abroad is the cheapest way to travel the world. The school offers several different scholarships to help you fund your trip. For those who are interested in a semester or year program, you pay GCSU tuition and housing costs, and many scholarships, such as HOPE, apply. Plus, as a student, you qualify for discounts on anything from train tickets to youth hostels, to museums and restaurants.

If you're worried about not being able to speak a foreign language, you have nothing to worry about. Many of the Maymester programs the school offers are in English, and many of the longer programs offer language classes.

The school I attended did require some knowledge of French prior to attending, but it offered lower level French as a foreign language classes and many of the attendees had not taken French prior to attending. Plus, what better way to knock out those foreign language requirements than by sipping sangria in Madrid or coffee in Paris?

It might be sappy to tell you that my semester abroad was one of the best experiences I have ever had, but it is the truth. If you have a list of things to do before you graduate, study abroad should be number one. Besides, how jealous will your friends be when you send them pictures of you sun bathing on the Mediterranean or zipping through the streets of Rome on your Vespa?

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Our Voice

Actions speak louder than age

Far too often, incoming freshmen think that getting out from under mommy's and daddy's thumb and changing zip codes makes them adults.

They would be wrong.

There is quite a bit more to being an adult than not living with your parents. Chief among them is taking responsibility for your actions.

This, of course, cannot happen until students realize their actions have consequences. Many students see college as a transitioning post, a place to learn how to grow up. What they do not understand is that the impressions they make here could greatly impact their futures.

Most people are not dumb enough to unashamedly disobey teachers and ruin recommendation letter opportunities. Instead they wreck relationships with their peers, burning bridges to valuable resources for the future.

This often does not occur with blatant fights and arguments, but instead transpires with the simplest of everyday activities.

Every time a student floats through a group project, making others take up the slack, they show how unreliable they can be to a potential future employer.

When students throw a party and fail to heed to a neighbor's request to tone it down, another bridge is burned.

A few years ago, when I was a sophomore, I moved in with a new roommate named Kyle. We had never met before. We had very little in common. My major was history while his was English. I stayed up late; he was in bed by 11 p.m.

We could have ended up hating each other. We could have behaved like children and gone at each other's throats. Instead, we acted like adults and worked around the problems. We were not friends, but did not dislike each other either.

In the end, I moved out to be closer to my girlfriend at the time, while my roommate transferred schools to be closer to home. Very little chance we would ever see each other again, right?

Wrong.

He came back a year later. We both became Mass Communication majors. Kyle now works for me as the Features Editor.

Taking responsibility for his actions helped Kyle earn a job and a stepping-stone to a career.

Student's actions will have consequences. What those consequences are is up to them.

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- The Colonnade

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In the Dec. 1 issue of The Colonnade, we attributed the story "Students stress levels high as final exam weeks approach" to Corey Dickstein. The article was actually written by Kyle Collins.

POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY LEE SANDOW

Poll of the week

How long do you plan to keep your New Year's resolution?



All year?
Six months?
Two weeks... If I'm lucky?
What resolution?

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Bobcat Beat

"What is your New Year's resolution?"



"Eat better, exercise more, and enjoy the new year."

Andy Kelly, Mass Communication, Sophomore



"To go to the depot more and balance time management."

Katie Rich, Undeclared, Freshman



"Finish college at the end of the year to be able to start work for Disney!"

Mike Whiteman, Management, Junior



"To stop drinking coke, and I already have! Two weeks now with more water."

Rachel Thompson, International Business, Senior



"Pursue happiness with the roughest courage"

Stacee Dunlap, Art, Senior

Beat Reported by Kate McWilliams

The Litter Box

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We're not gonna take it anymore!

I would have done ecstasy, but I have a heart murmur.

I thought it was love at first sight, but then I took a second look.

I think the weather in Georgia is determined by monkeys throwing darts at a board. I just lack scientific proof.

TEACHERS, please understand that when you keep us past class time, you are wasting your breath. We aren't listening to a word you say!

I was going to vent something interesting and cool, but then I remembered that I wasn't funny.

Everybody have fun tonight! Everybody Wang Chung tonight!

Best part of the Christmas break: watching Ben Stiller slap a monkey.

24 = best TV show ever

They are upping minimum wage just in time for me not to be making minimum wage anymore.

The O.C. got canceled over the break. There is a God!

I went to the liquor store the other day and saw three little kids running around while their parents checked out. Am I the only one who sees the problem here?

Remember when a Coke only cost 50 cents? Now the school expects us to spend \$1.25? What next, charging to use the new fancy soap dispensers?

There is a new movie coming out called "Drive Away Dykes." Seriously. My dyke drove away...:(

There are two kinds of people in the world: My kind of people and a**holes.

What would Jesus do? Jesus would unprop the door when he left so the cold air and ax murders would not come in.

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SAT Scores*Continued from Page 1...*

required on the SAT. The composite score rose from 1,120 in 2005 to 1,124 in 2006.

"Scores went down nationwide... we're pleased we made the score, since scores decreased by five points or more," Jones said.

According to Dr. Bruce

Harshbarger, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, "SAT is a good measure of basic skills," meaning the SAT is not the only means of a student to gain entry into the university. "It's not a measure of a student's work ethic."

Jones did state, "We are pleased...it's not how we make admissions decisions, we take a holistic approach to admissions." The admissions

department "looks at what contributions the student can bring. We want to make sure it's the right fit for the student."

Both Jones and Harshbarger agreed some students are not good test-takers, while, others do quite well on the SAT, but GCSU may not be a good fit for the student.

The admissions application has an essay required for all entering freshmen,

which the admissions department looks at very carefully.

Dr. Dorothy Leland, GCSU President, was not available to comment, due to an out-of-town engagement; however according to a press release, Leland was quoted saying "Students with these SAT scores have so many choices, so it's clear that Georgia College is being recognized for its academic excellence, private school atmosphere and public university price tag."

Harshbarger also stated that retention rates have gone up in addition to SAT scores, which appears to be as important, if not more important among university officials here at

GCSU. "In 1998, the university had a 55% retention rate, now it's 85%."

Community Service, religious houses and RSO's are the "three biggest areas" for student growth and activism on campus. "Engagement is the magic button," Harshbarger added.

The numbers for HOPE scholarship recipients has also increased, according to Harshbarger. "About 95% come in with the HOPE Grant."

Jones added there are other forms of financial aid for students with excellent High School records such as the Goizeta Scholarship. Unfortunately, though with more students scoring higher, the university receives

the same amount of funding from USG, which makes it more competitive.

The University Advancement Department makes due with the available funds the university can offer in the form of grants and scholarships for high scoring students.

"This is great news for GCSU and the state of Georgia," Leland said in a press release. "We're not only pleased test scores are up, but we continue to be encouraged by the increased retention rates and the number of HOPE Scholars we have been able to keep in the State of Georgia."

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The new Magnolia Park shuttle started running at the beginning of the 2007 Spring semester. The shuttle had, until recently, been a van that took Magnolia Park residents to Bobcat Village to take the GCSU shuttle.

Magnolia Park shuttle takes to the streets around GCSU

BY ANA MARIA LUGO
SENIOR REPORTER

Magnolia Park Apartments finally came through with the promise of transportation for its residents this week after a semester of grueling, if not frustrating arrangements that included failed negotiations with the GCSU transportation department.

The lack of shuttle services at Magnolia Apartments did frustrate some of its residents. Some people resorted to driving to Bobcat Village to catch the shuttle.

"Parking on campus is really terrible so I drive to Bobcat Village to catch the shuttle," Magnolia resident and GCSU sophomore, Justin Haight said. "Hopefully, with the new shuttle I won't have to drive there as often."

Magnolia Apartment property manager Melissa Olsen said that they will be running one shuttle and a 12-passenger vehicle which will supplement the shuttle if needed. The shuttle will run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will make stops every 30 minutes at A&S and Centennial.

Despite rumors that the Magnolia shuttle is on a trial run, it is in fact a permanent fixture with the apartment services.

"The shuttle service is not a trial period, it is here

to stay but obviously if not enough people use it then there would be no sense in keeping it," Olsen said.

Transportation arrangements took longer than expected because Magnolia Apartments had hoped that GCSU would work with them. It is evident however that the negotiations failed and the tension between the GCSU shuttle service and the Magnolia management were uprooted.

Magnolia's passenger vehicle took students to and from West Campus to catch the Bobcat shuttle last semester. A settlement proposal by Magnolia Park to GCSU transportation obtained by The Colonnade shows that Magnolia was willing to pay GCSU for transportation.

"They (GCSU) did not want to work together," Olsen said.

The residents at Magnolia are still within their rights to park on West Campus and ride the Bobcat shuttles as long as they are GCSU students should the residents' schedule are not met by the Magnolia shuttles.

"I don't see how that should be a problem since we all pay transportation fees," Katey Follett, art major and Magnolia resident said.

"I've been trying the shuttle this week and I'm expecting to see some con-

sistency since it is only the first week of operation," Ashley Beckmann, sophomore added.

The delay in transportation services prompted several groups such as "I ride the Magnolia Shuttle's to class... oh wait, no I don't" and "Bobcat shuttle vs Magnolia Park... It's On" was inspired by the failed negotiations by the said parties.

"I made the group to see how many people were bothered by it just as I was," Follett said. "I like Magnolia a lot, I would've just loved it more with a shuttle service."

Now that Magnolia is providing that service, Olsen said the number of people wanting to leave Magnolia was not really affected even before the shuttle service was provided.

"I feel where the student's are coming from," Olsen said. "Parking is a hassle and their safety is our concern that's why we have wanted to work with GCSU."

Magnolia management said that the shuttle schedule should run smoothly and consistently in a few weeks.

"Everyone who complained with me resigned their lease," Olsen added. "So I guess they worked out".

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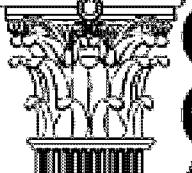
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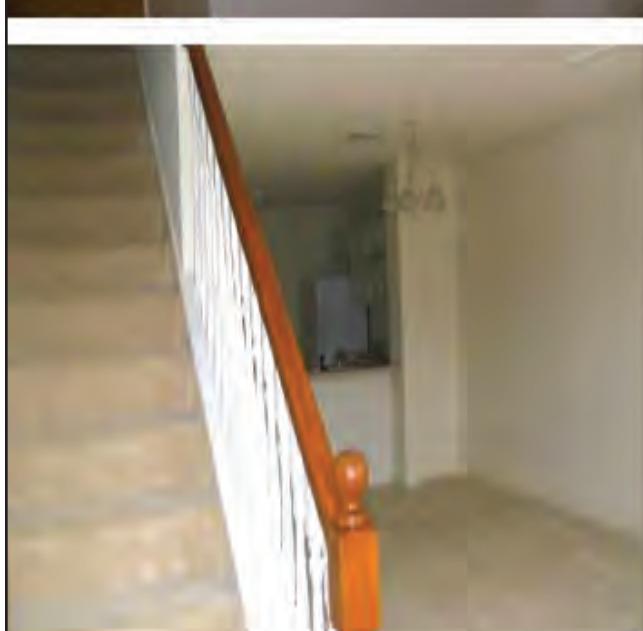


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Radio

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ter this year," said Little. "We are all working very hard, but more importantly, we all like each other."

The GCSU radio station is run by experienced student management and practicum students from the mass communication program. Their efforts are overseen by advisor Sonya Barnes, a GCSU instructor and a seasoned veteran of the television and radio industry.

"We've got a lot of exciting events planned for this semester already," said Grooms. "We're having our grand opening on Front Campus Jan. 31 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Fool's

Day Out is also coming up soon."

The station was scheduled to be up and running last semester, but instead had to play a continuous

Many of the practicum students who were supposed to be D.J.'s last semester found themselves selling T-shirts and moving equipment and furniture

" We've got a lot of exciting events planned for this semester. "

— Brian Grooms,
WGUR General Manager

selection of pre-recorded music interrupted only by legal identifications that the station is required to play.

"The situation was a little complicated," Grooms said. "Basically, we got about \$10,000 in equipment that was so advanced we had to subcontract technicians from Clear Channel in Macon just to use it."

into Lanier Hall, the new location for the station. The students were required to earn 45 hours of experience in order to get credit and were understandably disappointed that this time wasn't spent while on the air.

"It was a little frustrating that we weren't on the air last semester," said practicum student Jason Long. "But overall it was still a positive experience just being involved with events like Buffapalooza, and learning to build a station with little or no budget."

Sonya Barnes, the staff adviser to WGUR, is pleased with the work the practicum students have done.

"All of the things the students had to do tie directly into the radio station," Barnes said. "We are not allowed to sell ads so the only money we get is either given to us by the school or raised through our efforts in T-shirt sales and other fundraisers. We've had some challenging opportunities but we have a lot of hard workers, first class equipment, and the institution believes in us so we're back and ready to rock and roll."

WGUR Promotions Director Jamie Murray is also working to set up the station's first Web site, which should be up soon.

Parking*Continued from Page 1...*

the walk much more pleasant.

"I feel a lot safer because I can see now," Ishee said.

Parking and Transportation Services plans to also add gates to the Irwin Street lot, so only students with Bobcat Cards can enter.

"The gates are in the construction phase now," Cullars said. "We hope to have them working in the next few weeks."

Cullars also said that the gates would be kept up during the high traffic times during the morning and early afternoon, and would be closed in the evening and at night.

The footbridge that currently spans Hwy. 49 is also scheduled to be revamped. The work will begin once all the necessary funds have been collected. The project will cost an estimated \$75,000.

"We need to do some work on the bridge before we can open it," Cullars

said. "We have to make sure it's structurally sound."

The loading/unloading areas in front of the various Residence Halls on Greene Street have also been lengthened, so that they would not always be so busy. Students can park in those areas for no more than 20 minutes at a time.

Finally, Parking and Transportation Services has repainted all of the fire lanes so that they are plainly visible and can be easily distinguished.

Students caught parked on a fire lane will be towed,

Parking Services says.

Parking Services plans to continue to evaluate the lots and to continue to improve them for the students as the semester goes on.

"We'll soon begin working on next year's plan," Cullars said. "We don't plan to make any big changes."

Cullars encouraged the students and staff to contact Parking and Transportation Services with any suggestions for new parking plans.



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The Irwin Street parking lot is usually almost full of vehicles, most of which belong to freshmen.

Grill 155*Continued from Page 1...*

Milledgeville is renowned.

Using a stencil style known as edged glass, Grill 155, Chick-fil-a and the Ice Box all have additional identification to reduce questions concerning which facility is which.

"The lettering is elegant, simple, and pleasing to the eye," Haun said.

"Now, we're working on adding awnings to go over the various food court entrances so they stand out even more."

Haun said the changes were needed to make the facilities more inviting to students and others wishing to eat there.

"We listened to customers and surveys," Haun said. "We're here for both the students and community to ensure student's wants and improve for the future."

The Grill is busiest during the middle of the week. Garland said that Grill 155 serves a steady stream of 30 - 45 customers a day, already a significant improvement over the peak of the previous semester.

By adding the \$1.55 value menu and combo option, the prices are more within the financial range of most students.

Grill 155 offers soup selections, desserts, grilled cheeses, and the most popular item, the Philly steaks, which can be prepared with either beef or chicken. To

ensure taste and quality, all food is prepared fresh and made to order.

Dining patron Kathy Maguire, a sophomore history major, loves the one-on-one attention she receives at the Grill.

"It's great getting your burger exactly how you want it, without any of the extras you don't," Maguire said. "Other places, the food is slapped together so quickly, you don't always get what you want."

Garland praises the way visitors are treated at The Grill.

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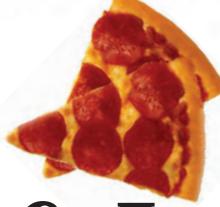
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Santa delivers big for some students this holiday season

BY SARAH VER STEEG
SENIOR REPORTER

A seven-year-old's worst nightmare on Christmas morning is to open a box expecting it to be the fabulous toy he's been dreaming about all year, only to discover its disappointing contents: a blue sweatshirt and a six-pack of athletic socks.

A sturdy sweatshirt and socks are very practical gifts. The boy would undoubtedly use them almost daily. But practicality is not on his list of priorities. His list consisted of action figures and racecars.

Most people can probably relate to this boy's disappointing experience. Unfortunately, it is hardly rare for Santa to mistake your mom's grocery list for your Christmas wish list.

Not so this year. Several GCSU students got creative with their wish lists and Santa finally got it straight.

Geoffrey Carroll, a senior telecommunications major, loves to play poker. He also loves Las Vegas. It all started in 1995 with a family vacation to that exciting city. Carroll said it was a fun trip, but because of his age, he couldn't really "do anything" (i.e. gamble).

This trip reminded Carroll of the movie *Vegas Vacation* with Chevy Chase. It is a similar story of a family vacation to Las Vegas. Chase's son acquires fake identification and wins several cars. Carroll wished he had such luck.

"I want to be that kid!" Carroll said. "Every time I go I have visions of being that kid."

Carroll's parents, knowing their son's affection for poker and the exciting lifestyle, sent him and his brother to Vegas this Christmas. For three days, Carroll gambled and played poker from 10 a.m. until 4 a.m.

Carroll enjoys taking risks and earning rewards while gambling in Vegas.

"I like the exciting lifestyle of Las Vegas," he

said. "I never want to leave when I get there."

His favorite part was playing at the famous Bellagio hotel and casino.

"This is the place where everyone goes and slaps around \$1,000 like it's nothing," Carroll said. "We were sitting there watching people go crazy over it."

Another GCSU student who got what he wanted this Christmas is Matthew Perez, a liberal studies major and local musician. Perez is the bass player in the band Failures of Modern Science.

What he wanted more than anything this year was recording time in an Athens studio. Perez and the rest of the band saved up, and with contributions from his parents, they were able to make it happen.

Eight days of grueling recording produced "A Wheel in the Machine," the band's first full-length album.

"With 11-hour days we kicked out as much as we could," Perez said. "It was a lot of fun."

Perez and the band actually wrote three songs in the studio because some of the others weren't coming together as they would have liked.

"We had to go back to the drawing board," Perez said. "We cranked out three songs."

The CD studio release is scheduled for Feb. 15 at Buffington's. Perez said this is one of the places where the band started out. They have also played in Atlanta, Savannah, Macon and Augusta.

For Perez, the recording experience was exciting and totally different from playing live. He said his favorite part was listening to the final product.

"It brought home the fact that we're a band," Perez said.

Perez's and Carroll's stories should inspire hope in those unfortunate victims of lame and uncreative Christmas present-givers and Santa's wish list mishaps.

Hot wings become science



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The judges (above) for The Colonnade's wing test ate wings from four downtown locations to determine who has the best wings in Milledgeville. Dr. Noland White (below left) fills out a survey after eating one round of wings. Only bones were left when the judges finished (below right).

BY KYLE DOMINY
SENIOR REPORTER

Editor's Note: Please remember that this test is not 100 percent accurate. This taste test only deals with one flavor of wings; there are many flavor varieties that are not accounted for during this examination. Use this only to help draw your own conclusion. Everything can be turned into a science, even wings.

There are many places in Milledgeville that sell wings on a daily basis, but who has the best? To help decide, the Features Section of The Colonnade decided to conduct a taste test, complete with judges, to help determine where students can eat some of

the best wings in town.

Since the majority of students eat out in downtown, the restaurants that line Hancock Street became the focus of the test.

The examination consisted of hot wings from The Brick, Buffington's, Velvet Elvis and Amici. Four people from the GCSU family were called upon to be the judges. They were Jamie Webster, a junior marketing major, Justin Haight, sophomore SGA senator, Lee Sandow, news editor for The Colonnade, and Dr. Noland White of the Psychology Department, who is a certified barbecue judge.

The judges ate three wings from each location and then filled out a survey where they rated the hotness, quality, presentation

and overall taste of the wings. The test was completely anonymous; the judges did not know whose wings they were eating and were not informed until after all of the taste tests had been completed. This precaution helped prevent biased survey answers.

At the end of the examination, the surveys were collected and tallied to determine which wings received the highest scores. And the best hot wings in downtown Milledgeville belong to . . .

The Brick!

"(The Brick's) were by far the best, they had the best heat, the best appearance and best meat quality," Haight said.

White concurred and gave his opinion on Buffington's hot wings.

"Wing one (The Brick's)

had the best flavor and heat content. Wing two (Buffington's) was a good looking wing but the taste was sub-par," White said.

Webster said The Brick's hot wings were by far better. Sandow agreed, making the decision unanimous, saying that the hotness of The Brick's wing were a little too intense for his taste buds.

"They weren't bad going down, but I think they burned out my taste buds," Sandow said.

So congratulations to The Brick. After being put head to head with other wings only yours rose to the peak of taste.

Contributions made by Jessica Murphy



Artist Monique Verdin captures effects of Katrina through photography exhibit

BY BECCA BROOKS
STAFF WRITER

The smell of dirty water and washed up debris are the only things missing in Monique Michelle Verdin's art exhibit, Louisiana Left Behind, at Blackbridge Hall Gallery.

Thursday, Jan. 11th, students spilled out into the hallways to listen as the artist spoke, some armed with paper and pens, others with faces of emotion or intrigue.

Several spectators were brought to tears during Verdin's moving story telling of the impact from Hurricane Katrina on south Louisiana, her hometown, and her family. While she lived in Florida for most of



Megan Thurber, a freshman middle grades education major (right), and Patty Maguire, a freshman with an undeclared major look at the art exhibit.

The history behind New Year's resolutions

BY BROOKE WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

Even before Christmas celebrations were ended and all the leftover were gone, advertisements were already running to help smokers achieve their New Year's resolutions to stop smoking. Gyms across the nation aired television commercials aiming to make people realize that soon they would have to shed those sweatpants with the forgiving waistband and get back into their regular wardrobe.

When there were no more presents to open and all the cookies were gone, some students began to prepare for the new year with fresh motivation to

fulfill their resolutions for 2007, while others simply prepared to head back to class.

The concept of the New Year's resolution is not new. According to an article on the Kansas City Public Library website, the tradition of the New Year's resolution was created by the Babylonians 4,000 years ago. The first day of the year for this ancient civilization was March 23 and one of its popular resolutions was to return something borrowed from a friend during the previous year.

The Romans celebrated the New Year on Jan. 1 and shared a similar tradition with the Babylonians. A

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Fitness Brief: Avoiding Stress



BY DEVIN VERNICK
SENIOR REPORTER

Studies show that individuals who exercise on a regular basis are less likely to struggle with emotional and mental stressors than those who are physically inactive, according to GCSU's Counseling Center.

Stress, anxiety, depression, even the immune system can be positively impacted by engaging in physical activity several times per week. High stress levels are harmful for mental health and dangerous for your body as well. High stress can cause atherosclerosis, a disease that creates fat deposits in the arteries, leading them to become hardened and blocked off.

Mary Jane Phillips and Susan Hendley are the director and assistant director of the Counseling Center here at GCSU. These licensed professional counselors recommend students increase the

amount of physical activity in their lives.

"Our bodies are designed for physical stress and they are designed to respond in physical ways to stressors. When you're exercising regularly, you are using up those stress chemicals in your body, that way they can't hang around and cause trouble," Phillips said.

Physical activity helps manage stress. If you're getting frustrated about studying for a test, your body wants to physically react to it. The chemicals causing stress remain in the body, leading to more serious complications.

"Exercise more days than you don't at your target heart range for 30 minutes at a time. You will feel good," Phillips said.

Hendley agrees that exercise is a good way to manage stress.

"Many of our students who come in, who are struggling with anxiety and depression, especially if they are not in any immediate danger, we often suggest them to try this for six to eight weeks before they consider taking medications. It's very effective for certain levels of depression and anxiety," Hendley said.

Phillips and Hendley give this advice to nearly 89 percent of the students they see.

Here are several suggestions to get into an exercise routine: Get a partner who is equally interested in exercising with you and will help with accountability. It's okay to start small, don't try to burn yourself out after several weeks. Take a wellness course; it's an easy way to plan exercise into your schedule each week.

Lastly, you can sign up for free personal training with an exercise science student at the Wellness Depot to receive educated guidance and motivation.

GCSU students Megan Scott and Jon Collins agree that making exercise a regular part of their lifestyle benefits them physically, mentally and emotionally.

"I try to mix it up a lot [with activities]. When I am being active regularly, I feel I have a lot more energy. It almost helps me focus more on my day," Collins said.

Collins plays basketball, racquetball, tennis and lifts weights regularly. Scott is an avid runner who feels that exercise makes a difference both physically and mentally.

"When I am not doing anything, I feel lethargic and less motivated about school. It gives me energy, I'm in the mood to do more when I am consistently active," said Scott.

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Katrina

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her teenage years, she returned to 2824 Bayou Rd. to water her Cajun roots and explore her passion for photography art.

However, Verdin's exploration was not only in memory of her personal post-Katrina experience, but to raise awareness of the devastation left behind from the wrath of nature and its detrimental environmental effects. The exhibit was done to raise environmental, social, and cultural concern for the issues.

"This is happening to people I know and it's appalling," Verdin said. "It is something we should all care about."

Her mission was accomplished as freshman and art history major, Holly Winner, admired Verdin's ability to "educate people through her passion in photography." This also benefited Winner because it demon-

strated, "by being in the art department at Georgia College and State University I can continuously expand my horizons."

Kimberly O'Toole, a freshman English major, also appreciated the exhibit.

"It was very emotional and creative; her methods of presenting her works were unorthodox and memorable," O'Toole said. The photo box coffins were obviously hand crafted out of remaining yard signs and effectively brought a harsh reality to the overall presence of the exhibit.

"The photography really drove it home for me and helped me realize how important it is to view the world macroscopically," O'Toole said.

Verdin used the photography as evidence to capture the destruction and realistic harm of Hurricane Katrina. "It is very real to me, this is a part of my now, my family. (The photography) helped us frame this after-

math," Verdin said. Beyond her personal suffering with the loss of her father and her close friend, there lies a highly significant political message within her art.

"My story has so many pieces," Verdin said, "that lead back to policy gone wrong."

The Louisiana Left Behind exhibition will be running through February. O'Toole insists visiting because, "It is a very humbling, eye-opening experience with excellent photography and poignant imagery."

"There is so much beauty in the tragedy; you can't have one without the other."

Despite the turmoil and pain reflected in Verdin's exhibit, she demonstrates potential and hope through the wreckage.

"The (photos) aren't perfect and life isn't either. It's always been about a story, not a beautiful revered piece of art. I am dedicated to this because this is my life," said Verdin.

Resolutions

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common resolution in ancient Rome was to ask forgiveness from enemies of the past year. The Chinese New Year has been celebrated for thousands of years as well. Their New Year is somewhere between late January and early February, one of their

do it by exercise and eating right.' Well it is not usually that simple. How are you going to exercise? How do you go about eating right? There are plenty of studies that give the best way to go about doing both of those things. For example, studies have shown that having a partner when exercising helps to keep both motivated and has shown the most promising results."



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Quitting smoking is a popular New Year's resolution among students.

resolution customs is housecleaning, which tops many modern-day New Year's resolution lists. Whether or not these civilizations took their resolutions seriously and always achieved what they resolved to do is unknown. Today many resolutions are made with the best intentions, but the majority are not actually met.

"The reason a lot of people do not achieve their resolutions is poor planning," said Mary Jane Phillips, director of Counseling Services at GCSU. "They say 'I am going to lose 10 pounds and I am going to

Many who made resolutions for 2007, most likely could be grouped into the same categories that have become popular over the years. The most common resolutions concern: exercising and nutrition, improving financial situations, and relationships with friends, family or a significant other. But according to Phillips, making a resolution that is more specific to the individual and their lifestyle is a good alternative to the more general resolutions.

"I think the student should really visualize or personalize their resolu-

tion," Phillips said. "They should really think about what they want in life and then make those small steps to get closer to the goals they have set."

Danielle Duvall, a sophomore marketing major, admitted that most of her New Year's resolutions in the past pertained to weight loss, but this year she had a more specific goal in mind.

"My resolution this year is to become semi-fluent in the Spanish language, because my minor is Spanish," Duvall said. "I am not really worried about losing weight this year."

Students with specific goals in mind, like Duvall, enjoy the idea of beginning a new year with a resolution to achieve, while other students don't think having a New Year's resolution is necessary.

Stephen Houser, senior English major didn't make a New Year's resolution this year and he doesn't think the majority of people who make resolutions actually take them seriously. "If everyone actually did what they resolved to do, the world would be a much different place than it is now," Houser said.

Whether or not students made a New Year's resolution for 2007, it is the opportunity for a fresh start and renewed motivation. The Romans named the month of January after Janus, a mythical figure who represented beginnings and endings and his two faces allowed him to look backwards and forwards in time. Some people make New Year's resolutions and others do not, either way if someone is looking for a fresh start in some area of their lives, the new year provides a great opportunity to do so.

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THE SPORTS GUY

BY WES BROWN



The South rises again

This year the Peach Belt conference switched from a round robin format to a divisional format.

GCSU is in the South division along with Augusta State University, Armstrong Atlantic University, Clayton State University, Columbus State University and Georgia Southwestern. The North includes Lander University, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, University of South Carolina Aiken, University of South Carolina Upstate, Francis Marion University and North Georgia College and State University.

The divisions have the same number of teams and are balanced geographically but as far as talent goes the South's much stronger.

In men's basketball the South has an overall record of 68-21 while the North is 35-56. In women's basketball, the South has an overall record of 58-27 while the North is 38-51.

Furthermore, to prove the South is a stronger division than the North just look at last Saturday's interdivisional play. The South went 11-1 against the North, as the only team to lose was Georgia Southwestern women's basketball team. The Lady Hurricane's lost to North Georgia 82-52.

Also, the North division has not won the conference tournament since 1995 when Lander defeated Columbus State 76-56.

The women's basketball team is undefeated against the North division. They pummeled northern foe UNC Pembroke last Saturday 64-37. The Lady Bobcats are 2-1 in the South division. They lost to Armstrong Atlantic 71-67 on Jan. 3. Women's Head Coach John Carrick is unhappy with the new setup.

"I would like to play each team twice," Carrick said. "How can we have a conference champion if each team doesn't play each other twice."

The men's basketball team has been less successful in divisional play. The men are 1-1 against the North and 1-2 in the South. Men's head coach Terry Sellers agrees that the setup is unfair.

"They changed it to cut down on traveling and make scheduling easier but the divisions are uneven," Sellers said. "The South is much stronger and it makes it tough on our team."

Bobcats rebound from 0-3 PBC start

BY KYLE COLLINS
SENIOR REPORTER

Before facing a surprising University of North Carolina Pembroke squad on Jan. 13, the GCSU men's basketball team hoped to end a three game conference-losing streak.

Despite a 4-12 overall record, the Braves of UNC Pembroke have a 3-2 record in the Peach Belt Conference (PBC). The Bobcats started the game shooting well. The team shot 51 percent (23-of-45) from the floor to claim its first PBC victory of the season winning 66-37.

The Bobcats continued their winning ways against Georgia Southwestern beating the hurricanes 68-53 in the Centennial Center last Wednesday.

In spite of this past week's success, the Bobcats have struggled in conference games. Over the holidays, the Bobcats lost a battle with league powerhouse Armstrong Atlantic on a last second jumper. The development of sophomore Shaun Keaton continued as the guard scored 24 points off the bench.

"Shaun is doing a great job," Head Coach Terry Sellers said. "He has chemistry with his teammates allowing him to adapt to our system."

The Bobcats next game was a double digit loss at Lander. Lack of rhythm and offensive execution proved to be the weakness for GCSU.



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JUNIOR AARON CLARK SHOWS OFF HIS DEFENSIVE SKILLS AGAINST AUGUSTA STATE ON JAN. 10.

Sellers said the Lander game was a struggle on both ends of the floor. The opposing guards combined for 46 of Lander's 67 points.

The Bobcats low 33 percent shooting could not offset the defensive breakdowns.

"Right now we have to

take one game at a time and focus on improvement," Sellers said. "We need more commitment on every possession."

Unfortunately for GCSU, the shots continued to slide off the iron in a third straight conference loss at home to Augusta State.

The Bobcats had plenty of home crowd support as the student section was slammed with body paint and enthusiasm.

The game was tied early after junior Levert Carter exploded for a crowd pleasing baseline dunk. Despite intensity and effort, the Bobcats could

not establish their offense.

GCSU cut the lead down to four with help from two late steals by Keaton. Augusta State led 40-35 at the half.

The second half was more of the same as the Bobcats could not stop ASU. The deficit grew to 13 points.

Senior Aaron Gibbs tried to create some momentum, but his 3-point stroke was not as sharp as usual. Gibbs only converted three of his multiple attempts in the second half.

While the ASU guards padded the lead, the Bobcats found no friendly bounces at the Centennial Center. Sellers said that even with our desire to succeed, sometimes things just do not work out.

The home team could not find the right lineup to counteract the athleticism of ASU in the 83-70 loss. "We just weren't hitting shots and had too many mental mistakes," junior Aaron Clark said.

Against Lander and Augusta State the Bobcats shot less than 20 percent from 3-point range. Sellers said the guys did not shoot well enough to compete against a high caliber team.

"I'm confident we'll pull out of this shooting slump," Sellers said.

The Bobcats need to stay focused as the tough Peach Belt schedule continues. The next home game is Saturday Jan. 27 at 4 p.m. against USC Upstate.

Peach Belt returns to divisional format

BY WES BROWN
SENIOR REPORTER

The Peach Belt Conference (PBC) switched to a divisional format this season due to the addition of Georgia Southwestern University. The addition of the Georgia Southwestern Hurricanes bumped the total number of teams in the conference from 11 to 12 and therefore separated the PBC into two divisions: North and South.

GCSU is in the South division along with Augusta State University, Armstrong Atlantic University, Clayton State University, Columbus State University, and Georgia Southwestern.

The North includes Lander University, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, University of South Carolina Aiken, University of South Carolina Upstate, Francis Marion University, and North Georgia College and State University.

The conference Athletic Directors have voted in the past and agreed that if the conference has 12 or more teams it will convert to a divisional format. The conference has not been in a divisional setup since Kennesaw State and North Florida were in the confer-

North Division



South Division

The Peach Belt Conference returns to divisional play for the first time in two years. GCSU is in the South division. The conference will return to round robin play next year as USC Upstate goes to Division One basketball.

ence two years ago. Kennesaw left the PBC in 2005 to move NCAA Division One basketball.

Each Athletic Director votes on their preference with the approval of the university's president. The vote to change the format has always been a close call.

"The vote has never been decisive," athletic

Director Stan Aldridge said. "It is always within one or two votes either way."

In the voting to change the conference format Athletic Director voted against divisional play.

"I voted against the change to divisions," Aldridge said. "The only valid way to determine a regular season champ is for

each team to play each other twice and see who the best team is."

Last year the conference was in an 11 team round robin. Each team played each other twice, including one game at home. In divisional play all teams play each other once and the teams in each division play each other twice. In the 2005-2006 season, the

men's basketball team claimed the regular season championship. This format is the most favored by the athletic staff at GCSU.

"I never have liked having the conference split into divisions," men's head coach Terry Sellers said. "The most fair thing is to let the teams play each other twice, each once at home."

The divisions are determined geographically and in some instances by tradition. This seems to not work this year as the South division was 11-1 against North teams last Saturday. The men have only lost to one team in the North Division this year. They lost to Lander 67-53 on Jan. 6. The women are undefeated against the North division.

"The divisions have been unbalanced for years," women's head coach John Carrick said. "The excuse to have the divisions this way is for travel, but the bottom line is that there are easier teams in the North and the northern schools would rather play them."

The conference will return to the 11-team round robin format next as USC Upstate will be leaving the PBC for the NCAA Division One.

STAT of the WEEK

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The number of turnovers the Women's Basketball team forced in their win against Augusta State Jan. 10.

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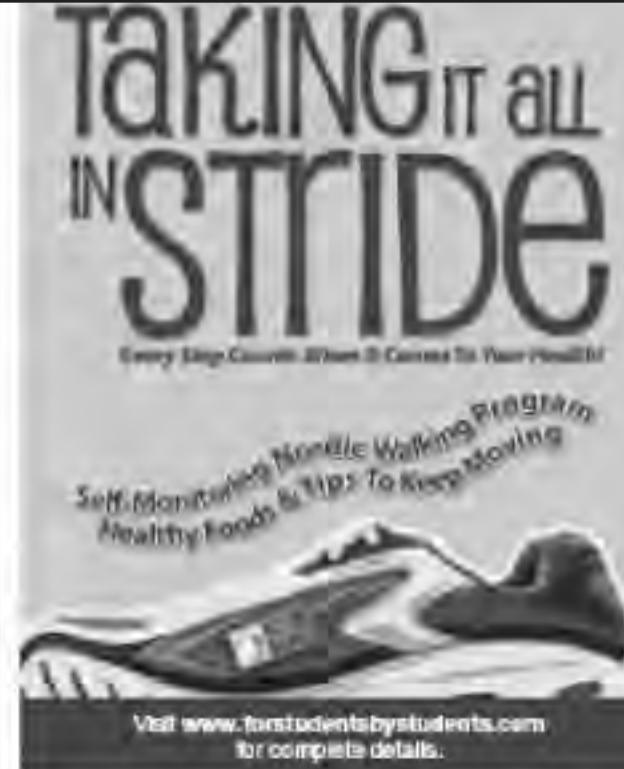
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Weston is the new sports guru



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Al Weston joins the GCSU Athletics department as the new sports information director after spending two and a half years in the same position at Lock Haven University where he was responsible for maintaining the athletics website and media coordination of 18 teams.

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU Athletics Department has launched a new era in media relations with the hiring of Al Weston as the new sports information director.

Weston replaces Brad Muller who left in October to pursue a job as the communications director for the alumni association at his alma mater, the University of South Carolina, after spending 10 years in GCSU's Athletics Department.

"The precedent has been set," Weston said of Muller. "He obviously did an excellent job here and I

hope to fill his shoes."

The sports information director is a multi-faceted job that includes such responsibilities as maintaining and updating the athletics website, keeping track of in-game and seasonal statistics, managing media contacts, and supervising two graduate assistants.

Women's Basketball Head Coach John Carrick said that Weston has his work cut out for him.

"He's replacing a legend," Carrick said. "Brad was the best everything that you could ever come up with, so Al's got a tough job and I think he knows it."

Carrick sees Weston fitting in well with the athletics department.

"Al has hit the ground running, I mean he's done a whole lot of things already, stepping in in the middle of a season is tough and he's started off well."

According to Athletics Director Dr. Stan Aldridge, Weston was chosen from about 50 candidates who applied for the job during a three-month national search.

"We narrowed it down to three really good candidates and Al was the best fit," Aldridge said. "He had the best skills and experience with the Web page and media."

Weston, who has degrees in public relations and sports management from Kent State University in Ohio, comes to GCSU after serving as the sports information director at Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania for the past



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New Sports Information Director, Al Weston, advises a referee on the time left in the game against Georgia Southwestern last week.

two and a half years.

Lock Haven is a Division II school with 18 varsity sports.

Weston said he chose to leave Lock Haven because he was ready for a "new challenge."

"I had revamped their Web site and felt comfortable where everything was," Weston said.

Weston was immediately impressed with GCSU when he began his interview process and jumped at the opportunity to make it his new home when it was offered.

"They seemed to have a good, close-knit athletics department here, an element that wasn't at Lock Haven," Weston said.

Weston was also impressed with how good each of the 10 varsity sports teams are at GCSU.

"They are fighting for regional and national attention every year," Weston said. "And it's starting again this year."

Each basketball team has already tallied ten wins and the baseball team has been ranked number two in the Collegiate Magazine Division II Preseason Poll.

Weston also noted the top-notch athletic facilities as a reason he was drawn to GCSU.

"The Centennial Center rivals the gym at Kent State (a Division I school) and the facilities for the other sports are as good as I have seen," Weston said.

Weston said his goal is to eventually become an athletic director and he sees GCSU as an excellent opportunity to get the experience necessary to achieve that goal.

Weston is excited to be a part of the athletics tradition at GCSU.

"You get the feeling they are doing things the right way, both athletically and academically," said Weston.



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Women dodge hurricanes final blow

Junior Marquita Driskell (Milledgeville, Ga./Baldwin/Univ. of Georgia) picked up her ninth double-double of the season as the GCSU women's basketball team (13-3, 4-1 PBC) defeated Georgia Southwestern University (2-10, 0-5 PBC) 57-39 Wednesday night at the Centennial Center.

Driskell led the Lady Bobcats on offense with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Guard Lindsey Smith (Decatur, Ga./Dunwoody) dished out a game-high ten assists.

The GCSU bench provided the difference, outscoring the Lady Cane reserves 31-5. In that bunch were Savanna Chapman (Rome, Ga./Armuchee), going 3-of-7 from three-point range with nine points, and Ashley Williams (Lawrenceville, Ga./Collins Hill) with nine points.

Bobcats soar past hurricanes at home

Lead by a quartet of double-figure scorers, the GCSU men's basketball team (12-4, 2-3 PBC) had too much offensive power for Georgia Southwestern University (8-7, 1-4 PBC) tonight in the Centennial Center, emerging with a 68-53 victory.

The Bobcats got 10 three-pointers on the night, led by sophomore Shaun Keaton (Albany, Ga./Westover/East Tennessee State Univ.) at 4-of-7 and 14 points. Senior Aaron Gibbs (Tifton, Ga./Tift County) was 3-of-7 with 13 points, while junior reserve Jay Warden (Woodstock, Ga./Woodstock) went 2-of-5 for 10 points.

The leading scorer for GCSU was junior center Aaron Clark (Suwanee, Ga./Collins Hill) putting in 15 points with seven boards. Clark recorded a block, giving him 91 on his career, just one out of second place in the school record books, behind J.J. Madden (1992-96). Junior Levert Carter (Augusta, Ga./Butler/Atlanta Metro C.C.) led all GCSU rebounders with 11 caroms.

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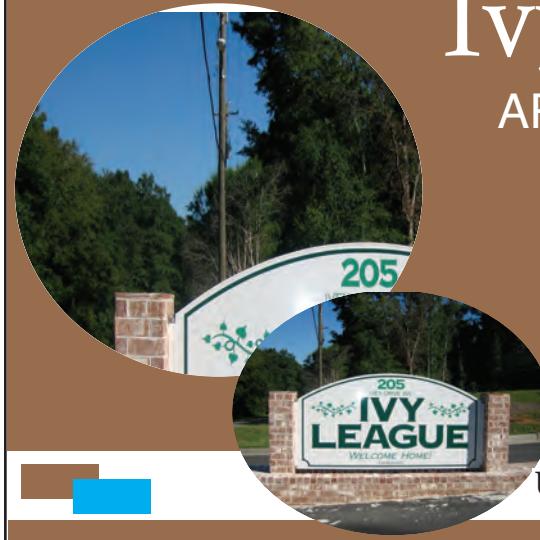
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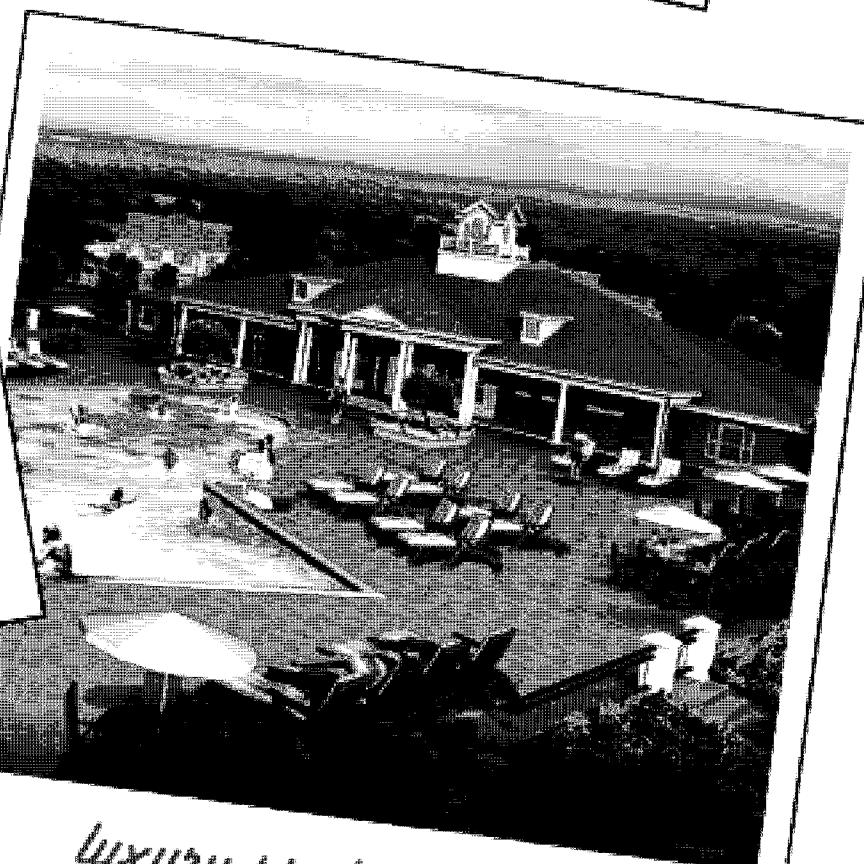
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